

Media Release

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***Deputies seek Mother for Child Abuse charges-
10-month-old baby found to have effects of Meth influence resulting from
Use by Parents – Father in-custody***

On February 25, 2016, deputies were dispatched to the 6200 block of Lancelot Avenue in Prescott Valley regarding a couple physically fighting. Deputies contacted 24-year-old Tyler Varga who admitted arguing with his girlfriend, 24-year-old Crystal Parker who was not longer at the house. Tyler had his 10-month-old infant son with him. 2 other adults were also present and all showed signs and symptoms of drug use.

During a check of the home, a deputy learned there was no running water and also noticed a syringe on a nightstand in one of the bedrooms where the baby had slept. Tyler denied any connection with the syringe even though the deputy noticed fresh track marks on his arms. When deputies found marijuana pipes in the home, Tyler admitted to marijuana use.

A representative from the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) arrived and determined it was necessary to take custody of the infant due to illicit drug exposure in the home. The infant was removed from Tyler's custody pending further investigation. Tyler was not arrested at that time.

On March 1, 2016, the DCS representative contacted the reporting deputy and advised that the infant tested for high levels of methamphetamine in his system. A couple days later, DCS personnel confirmed the tests on the infant revealed exposure due to constant methamphetamine use in the environment and indicated the infant was miserable and going through withdrawals.

On March 3, 2016, deputies returned to the Lancelot Avenue home to serve court documents related to the DCS case. Tyler was found outside and detained. Crystal was inside the home, but refused to exit fearing arrest. By the



Crystal Parker, 5'07, 170 pounds, is WANTED by YCSO for Child Abuse – this is an Oct 2015 booking photo



Varga

time deputies entered the home, they discovered Crystal escaped through a rear door and had jumped the back fence. She could not be found.

Tyler was interviewed again and this time admitted to ongoing methamphetamine use with Crystal by way of syringes. He denied smoking methamphetamine and could not explain why tests showed his infant son had ingested methamphetamine. Tyler was booked on a felony count of Child Abuse and remains in-custody on a \$10,000 bond.

Deputies are seeking the whereabouts of Crystal Parker and are asking anyone with information to call YCSO at 928-771-3260 or Yavapai Silent Witness at 1800-932-3232. Refer to case 16-007277. Callers to Silent Witness are eligible for cash reward if an arrest is made based on the tip.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:
www.vcssoaz.gov